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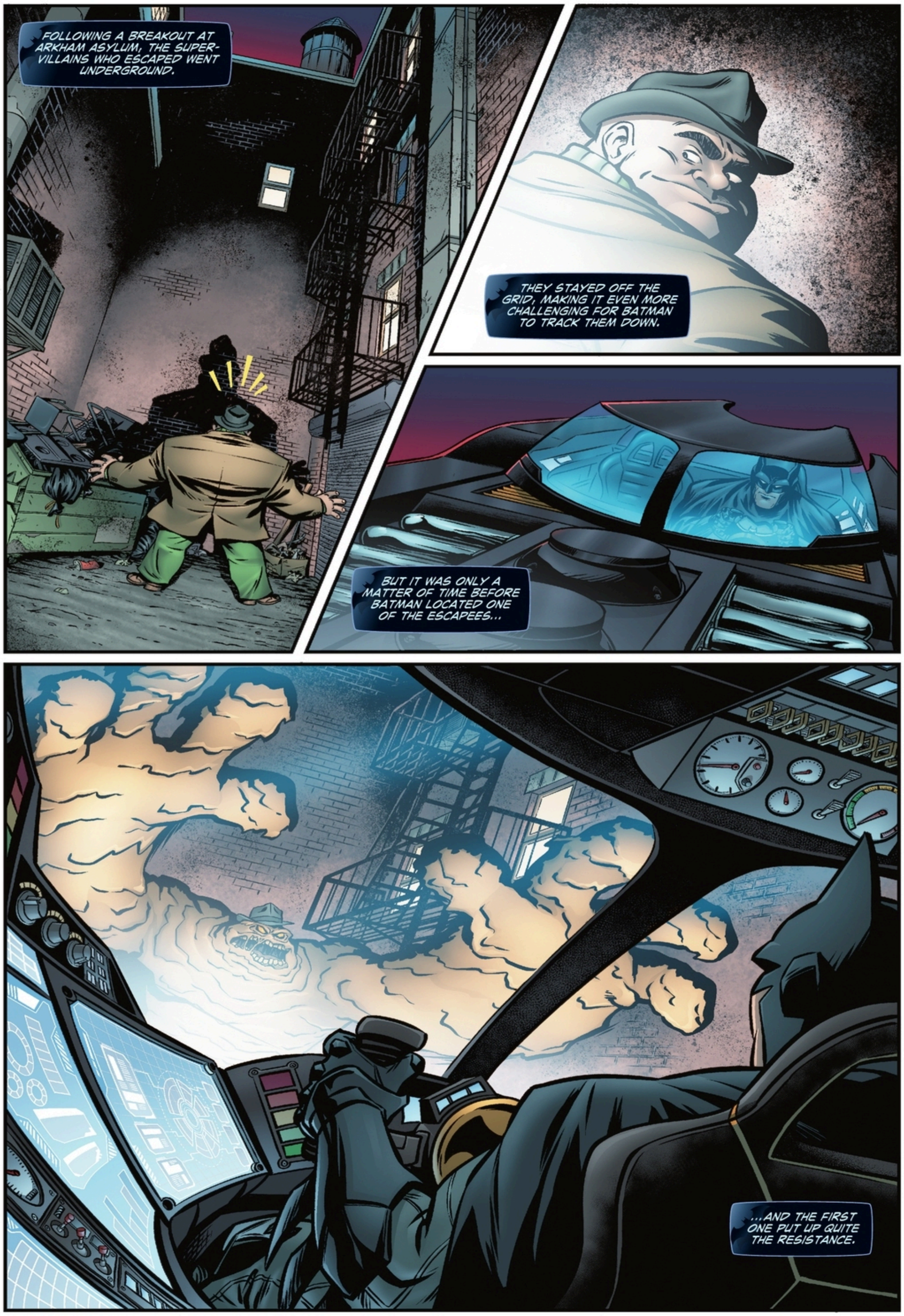
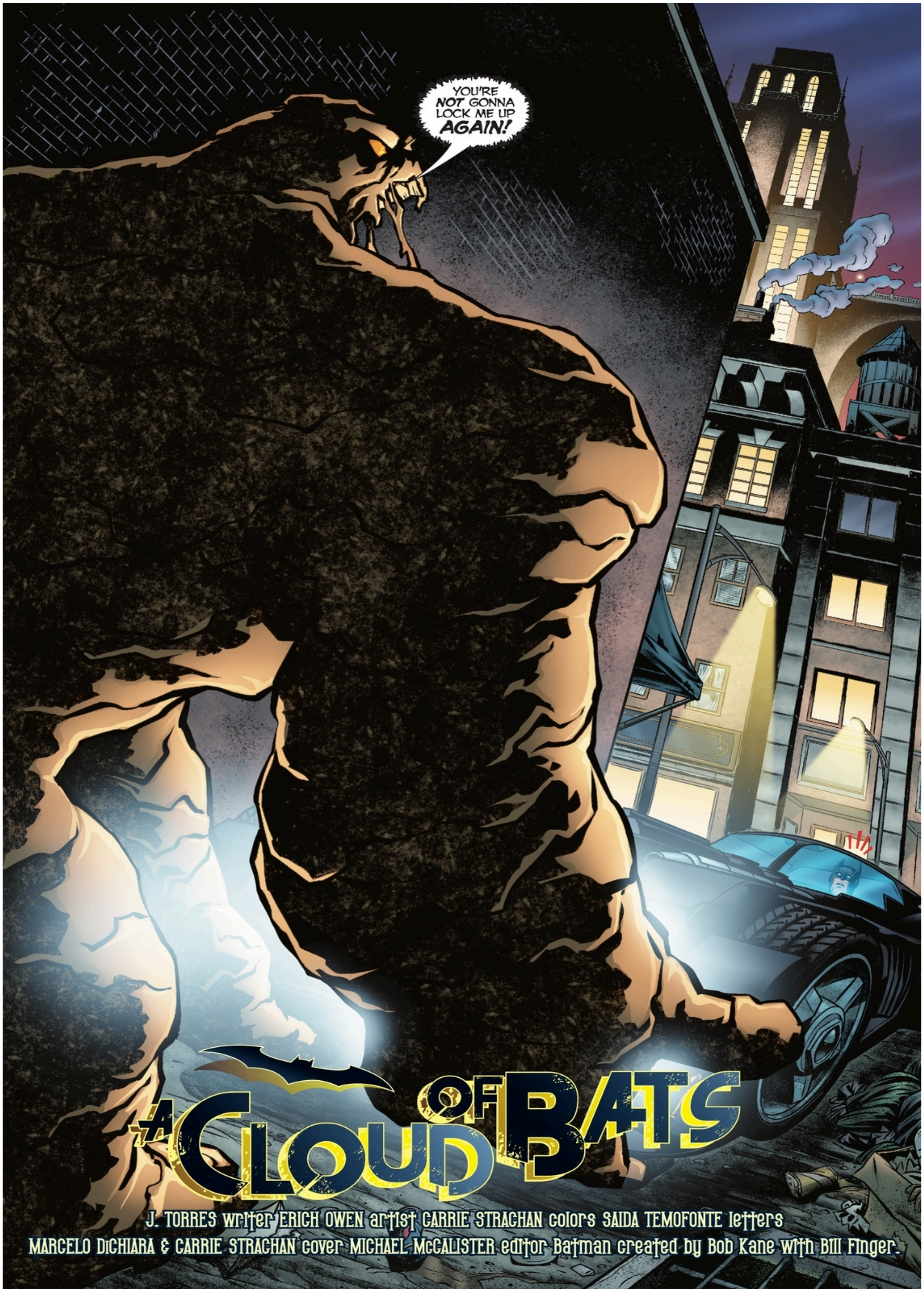

FOLLOWING A BREAKOUT AT ARKHAM ASYLUM, THE SUPER-VILLAINS WHO ESCAPED WENT UNDERGROUND.
THEY STAYED OFF THE GRID, MAKING IT EVEN MORE CHALLENGING FOR BATMAN TO TRACK THEM DOWN.
BUT IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE BATMAN LOCATED ONE OF THE ESCAPEES...
...AND THE FIRST ONE PUT UP QUITE THE RESISTANCE.


YOU'RE *NOT* GONNA LOCK ME UP *AGAIN!*

A CLOUD OF BATS

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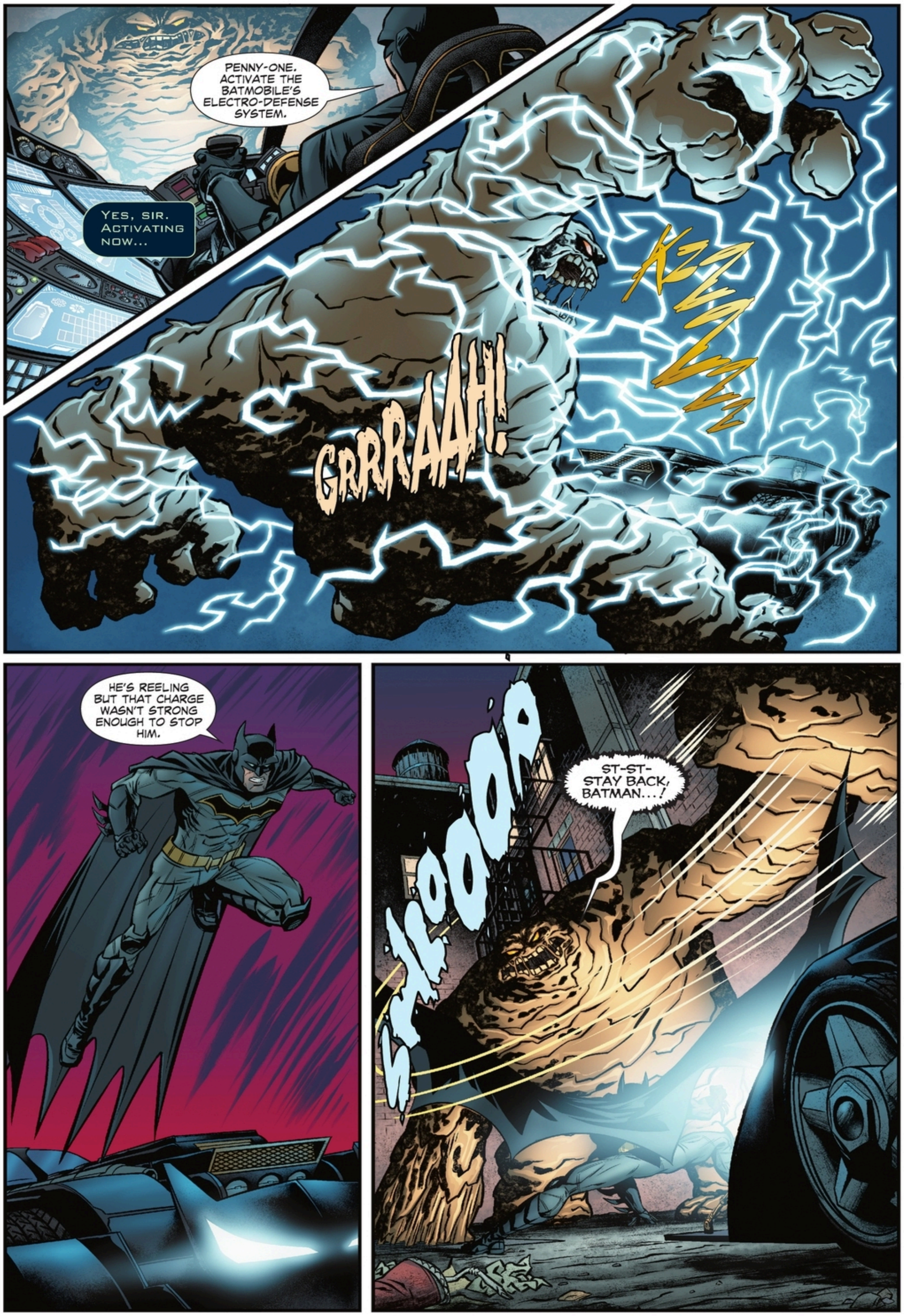
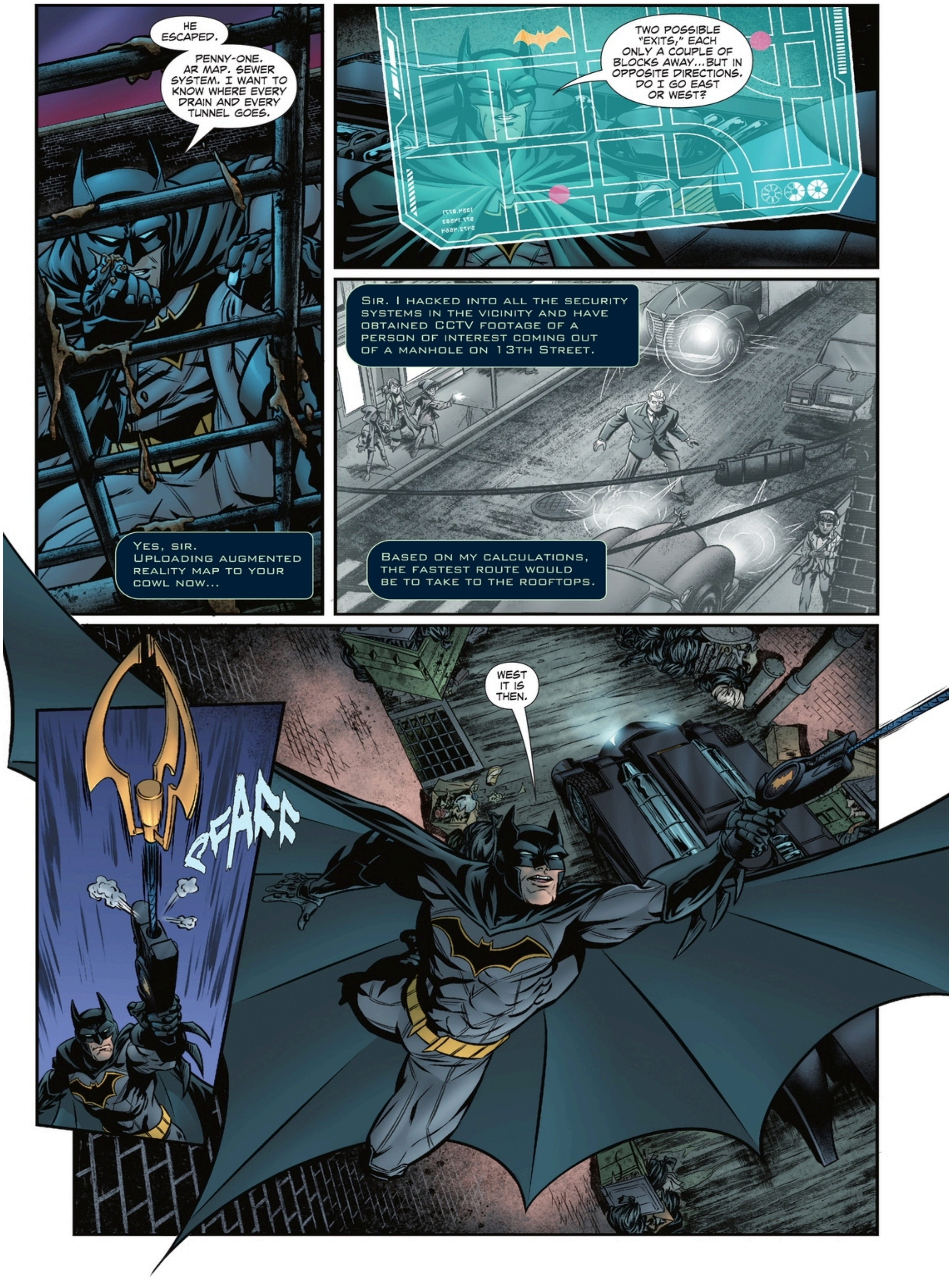
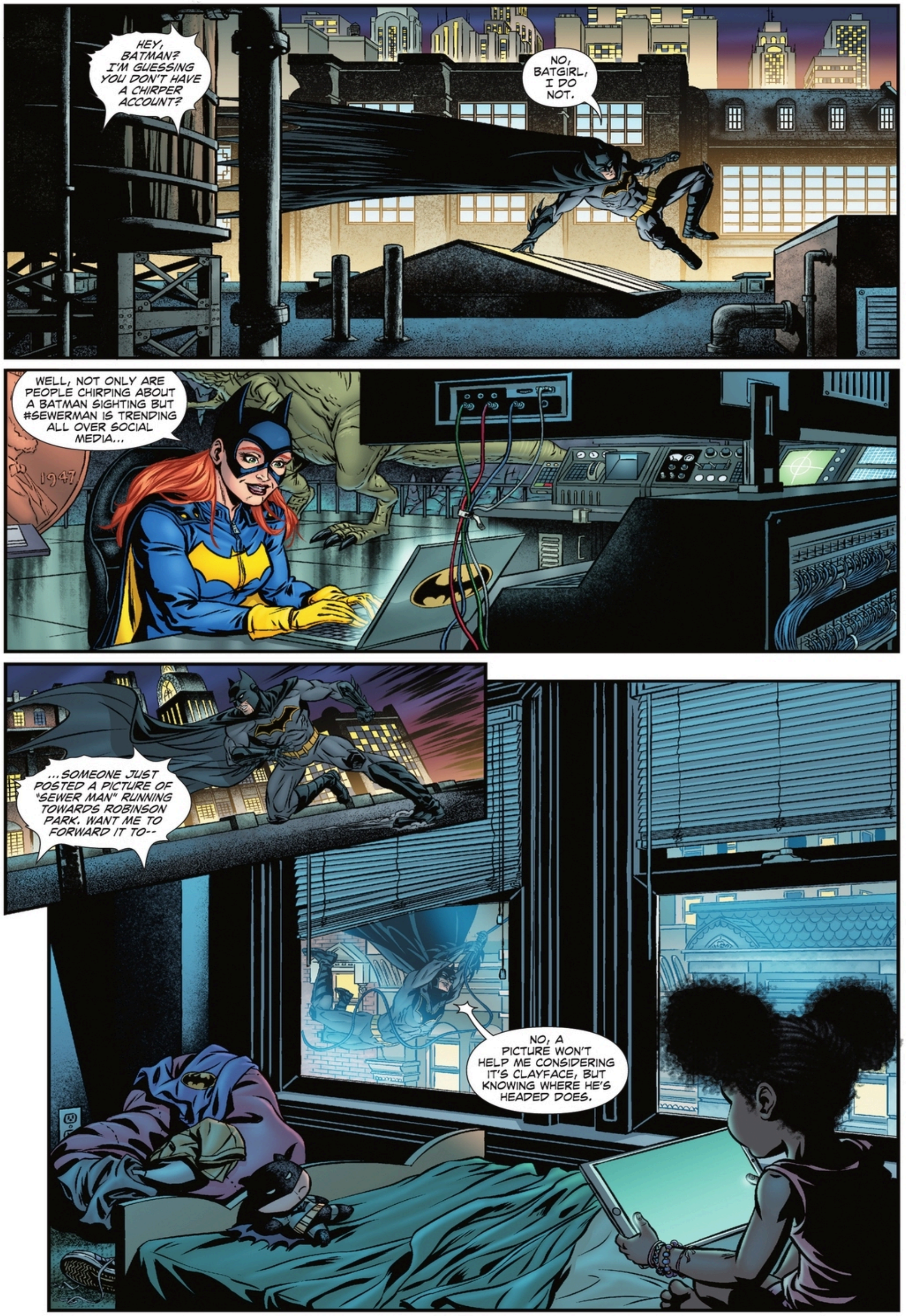

PENNY-ONE. ACTIVATE THE BATMOBILE'S ELECTRO-DEFENSE SYSTEM.
YES, SIR. ACTIVATING NOW...
KZZZZZ
GRRRAAH!
HE'S REELING BUT THAT CHARGE WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO STOP HIM.
SHLOOOOP
ST-ST-STAY BACK, BATMAN...!


HE ESCAPED.
PENNY-ONE. AR MAP. SEWER SYSTEM. I WANT TO KNOW WHERE EVERY DRAIN AND EVERY TUNNEL GOES.
Yes, sir. Uploading augmented reality map to your cowl now...
TWO POSSIBLE "EXITS," EACH ONLY A COUPLE OF BLOCKS AWAY...BUT IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS. DO I GO EAST OR WEST?
Sir. I hacked into all the security systems in the vicinity and have obtained CCTV footage of a person of interest coming out of a manhole on 13th Street.
Based on my calculations, the fastest route would be to take to the rooftops.
PFAFF
WEST IT IS THEN.


HEY, BATMAN? I'M GUESSING YOU DON'T HAVE A CHIRPER ACCOUNT?
NO, BATGIRL, I DO NOT.
WELL, NOT ONLY ARE PEOPLE CHIRPING ABOUT A BATMAN SIGHTING BUT #SEWERMAN IS TRENDING ALL OVER SOCIAL MEDIA...
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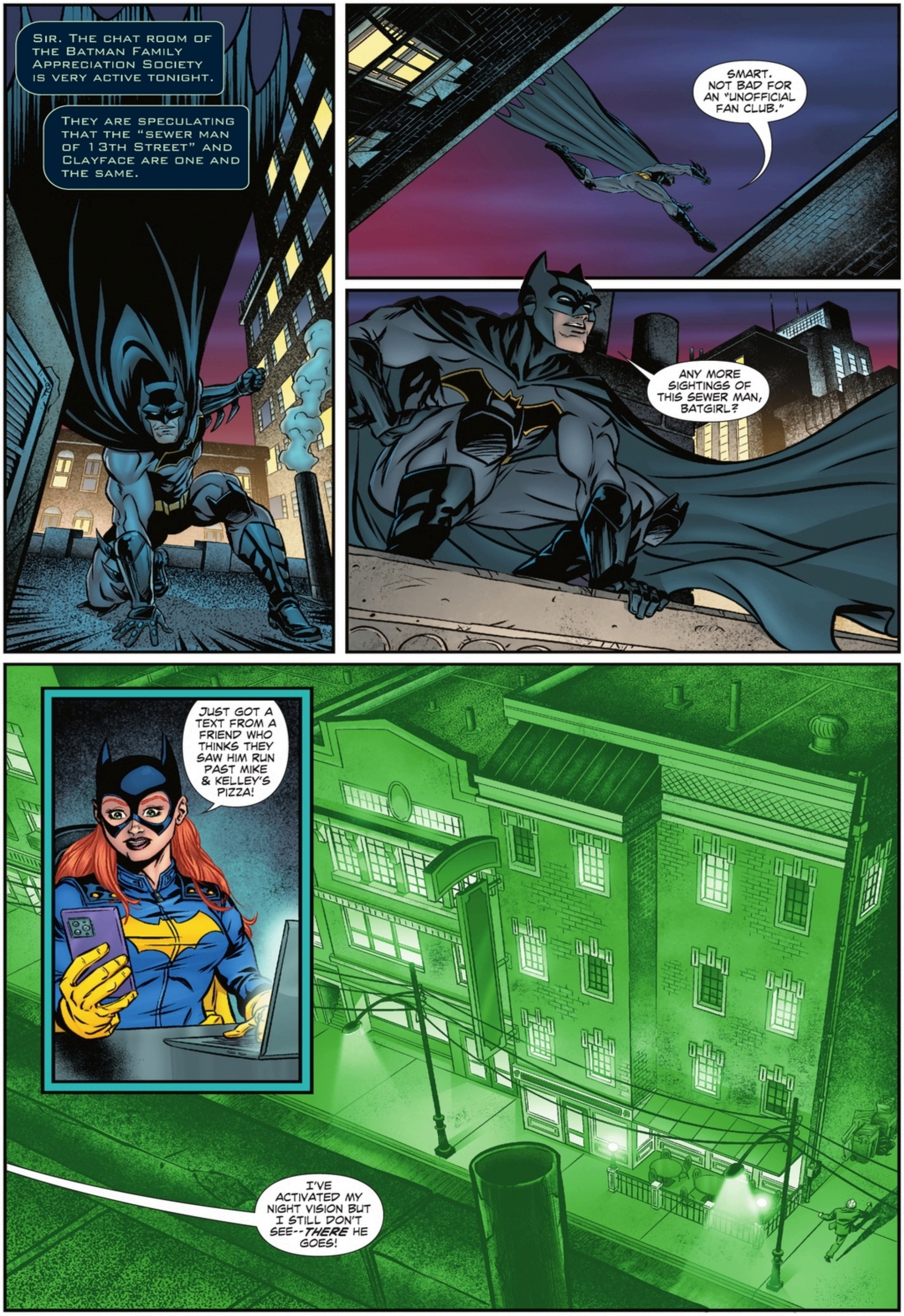
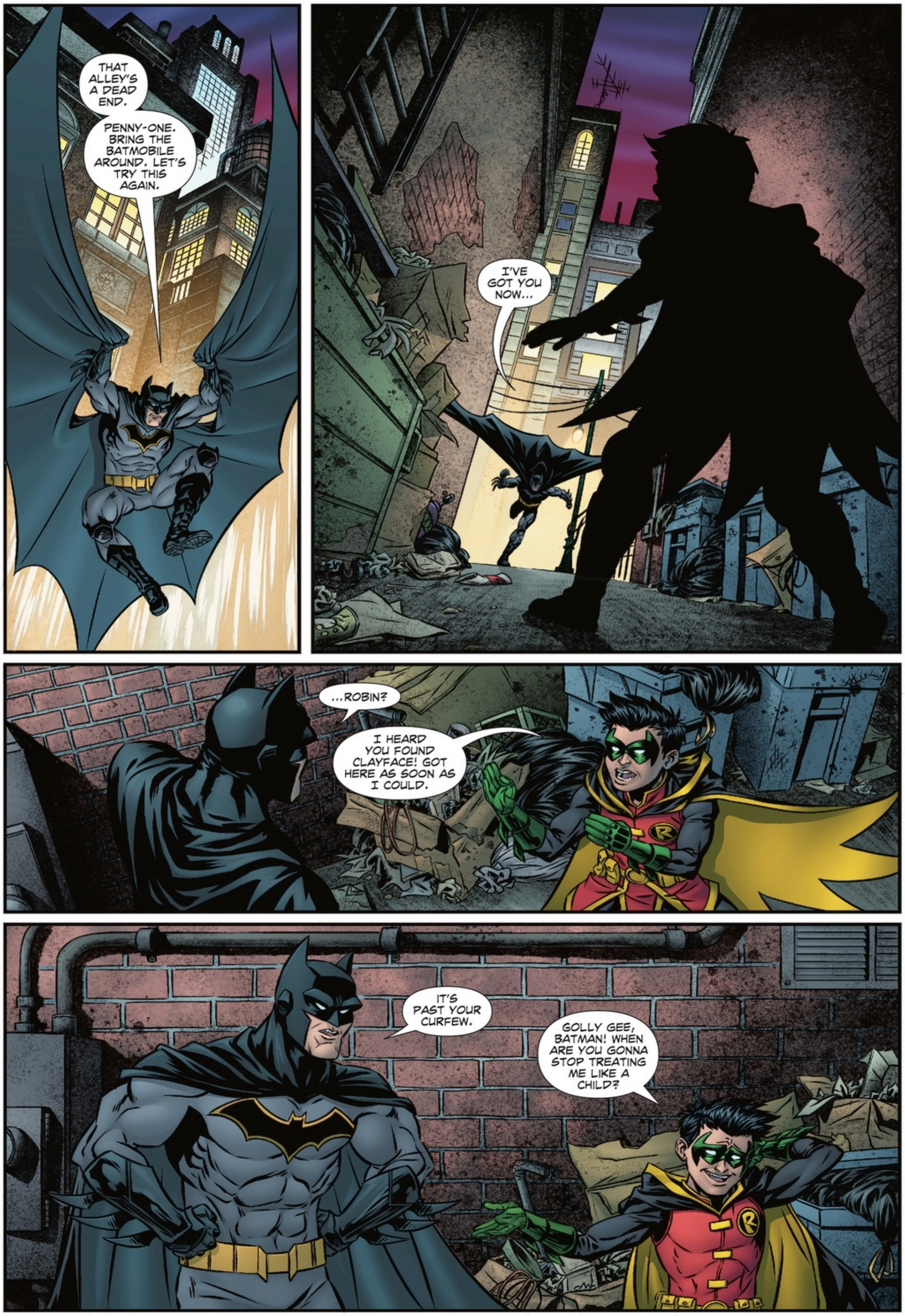
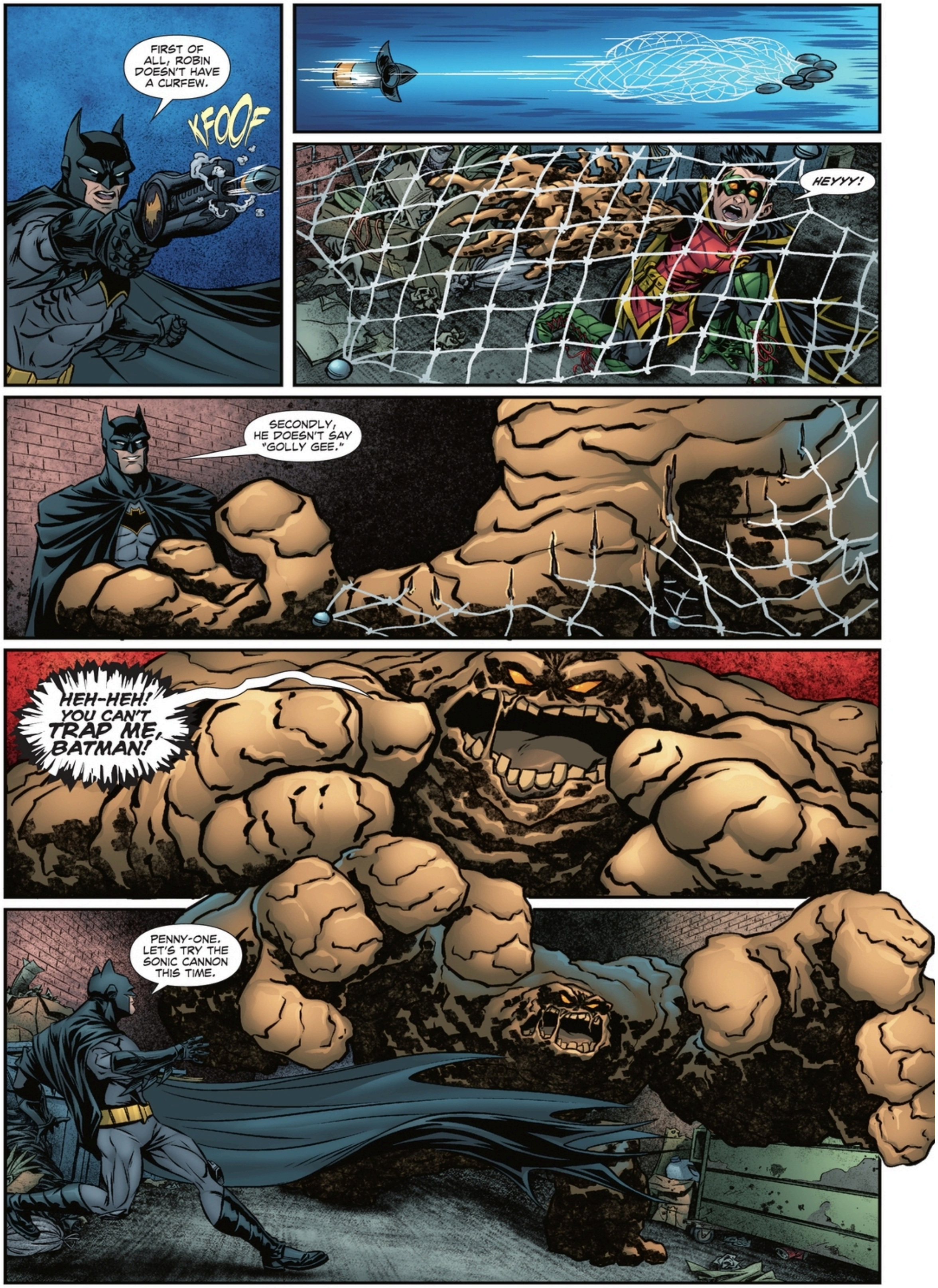
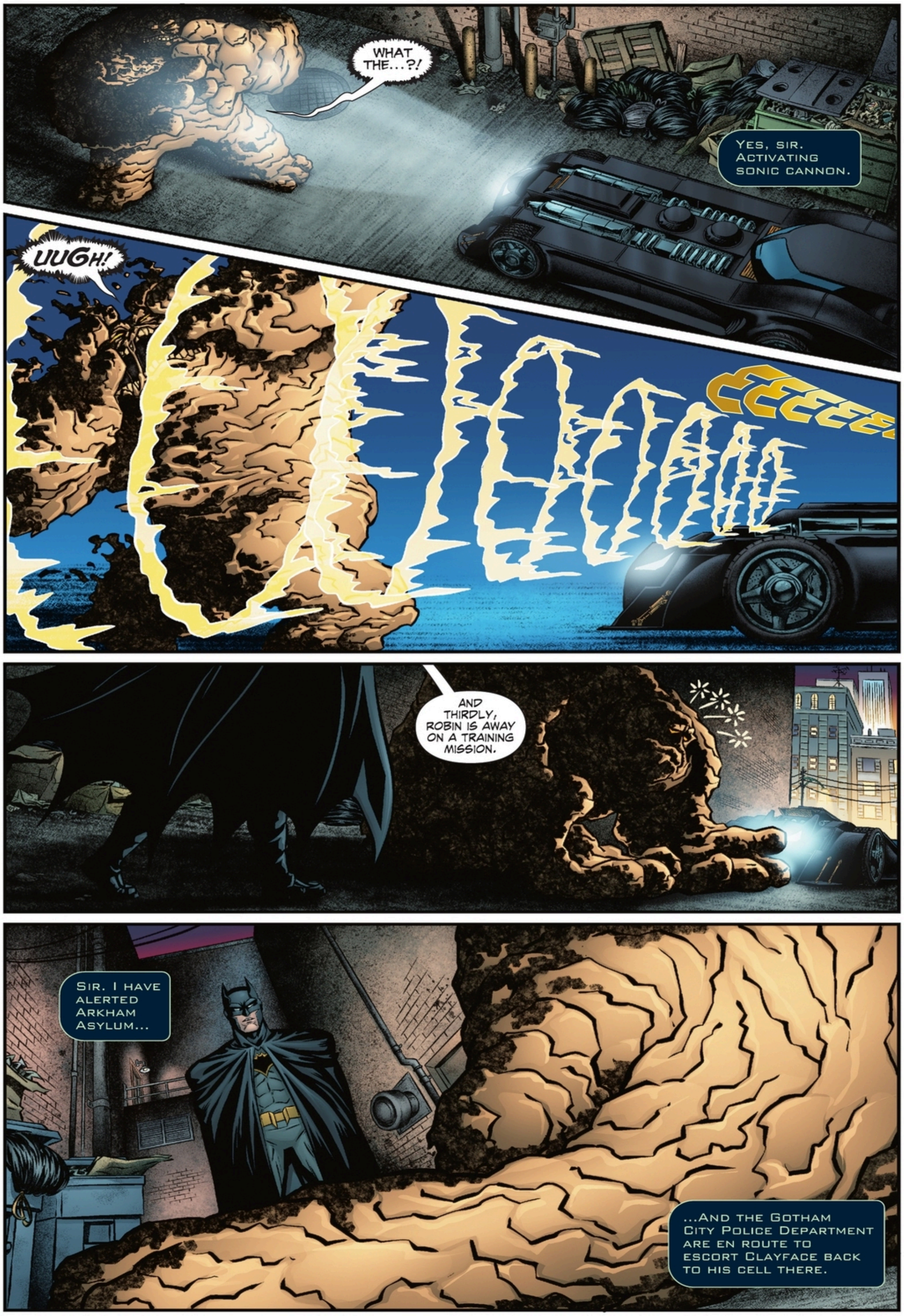
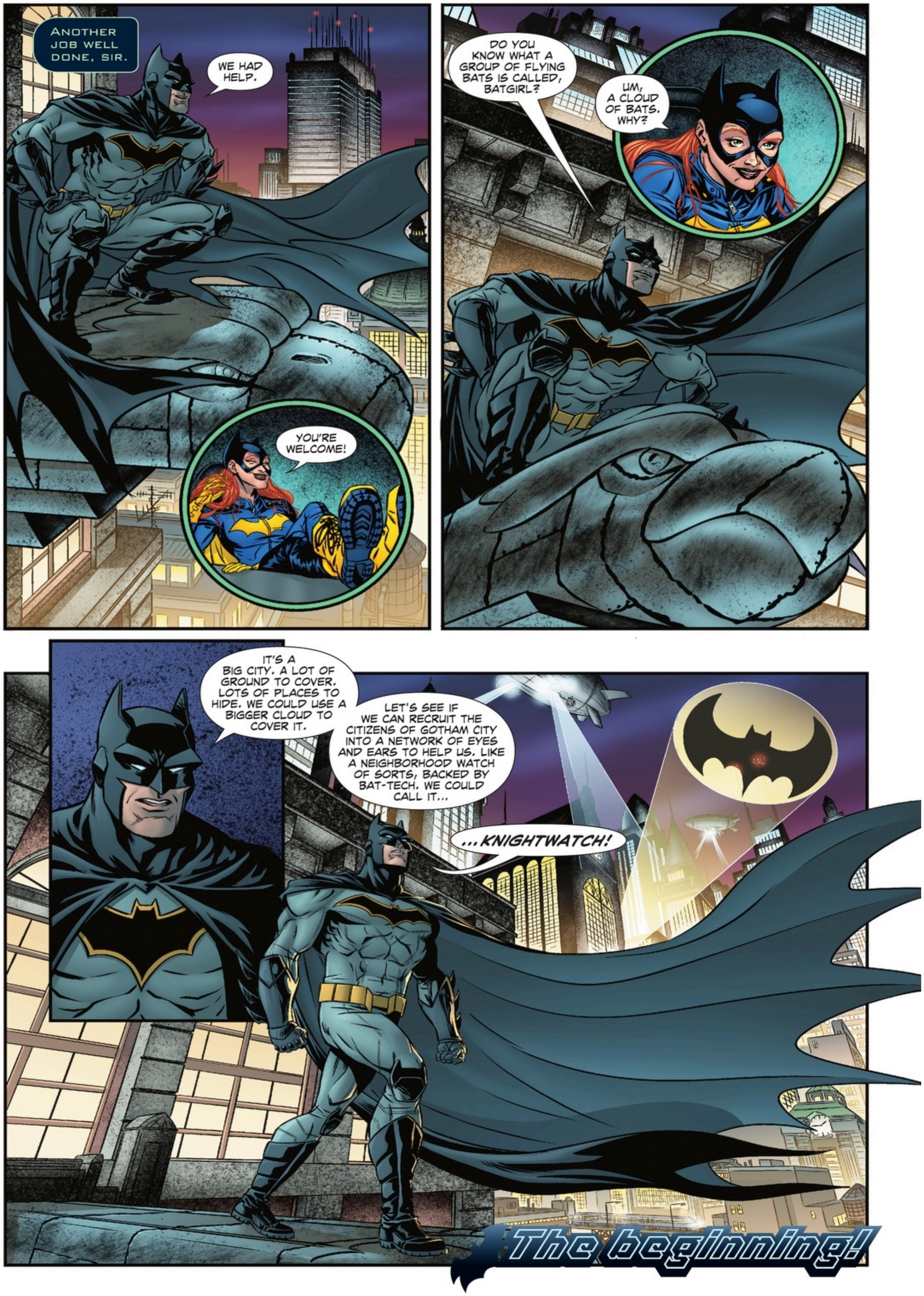
...SOMEONE JUST POSTED A PICTURE OF "SEWER MAN" RUNNING TOWARDS ROBINSON PARK. WANT ME TO FORWARD IT TO--
NO, A PICTURE WON'T HELP ME CONSIDERING IT'S CLAYFACE, BUT KNOWING WHERE HE'S HEADED DOES.

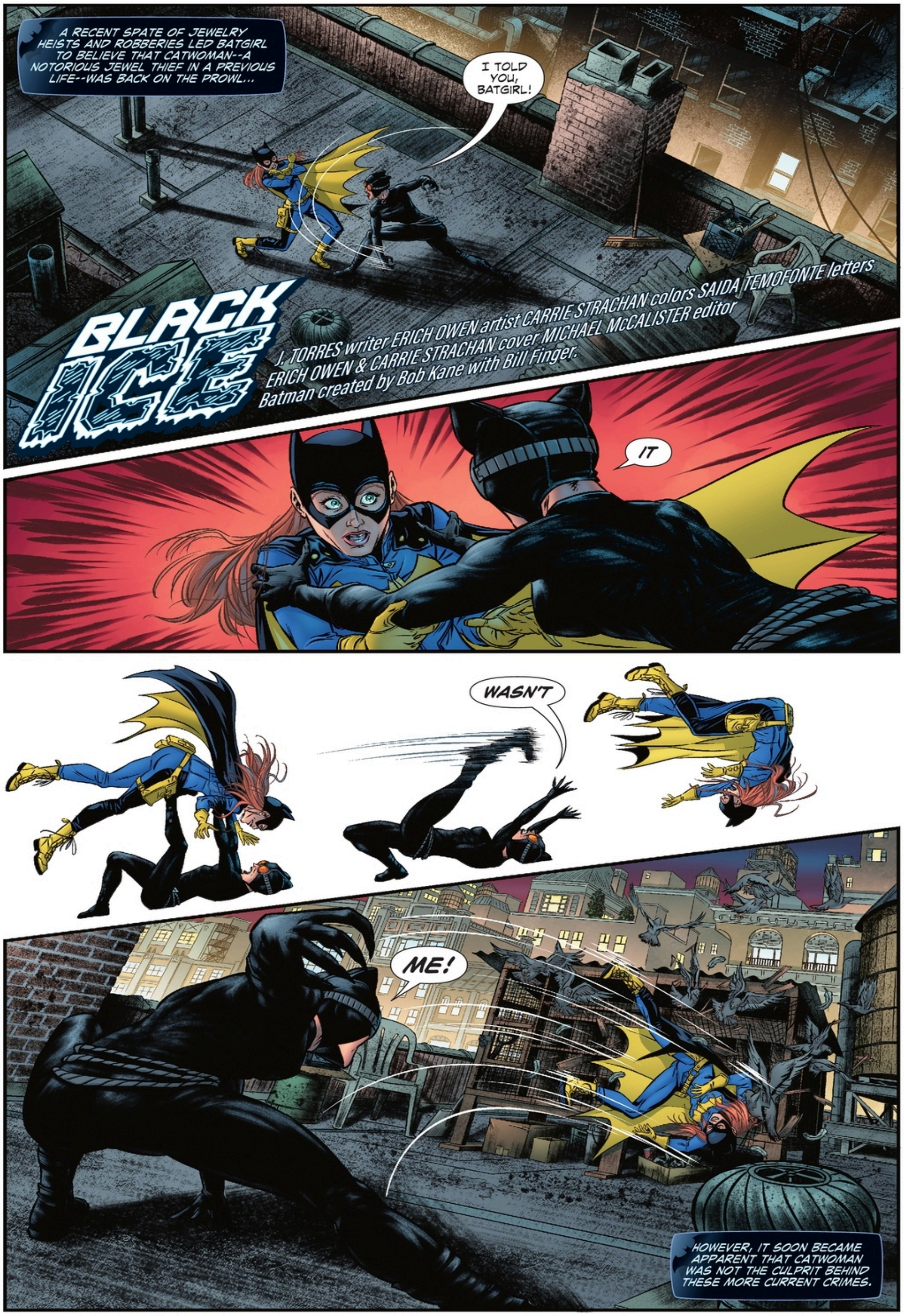

SIR. THE CHAT ROOM OF THE BATMAN FAMILY APPRECIATION SOCIETY IS VERY ACTIVE TONIGHT.
THEY ARE SPECULATING THAT THE "SEWER MAN OF 13TH STREET" AND CLAYFACE ARE ONE AND THE SAME.
SMART. NOT BAD FOR AN "UNOFFICIAL FAN CLUB."
ANY MORE SIGHTINGS OF THIS SEWER MAN, BATGIRL?
JUST GOT A TEXT FROM A FRIEND WHO THINKS THEY SAW HIM RUN PAST MIKE & KELLEY'S PIZZA!
I'VE ACTIVATED MY NIGHT VISION BUT I STILL DON'T SEE--*THERE* HE GOES!


THAT ALLEY'S A DEAD END.
PENNY-ONE. BRING THE BATMOBILE AROUND. LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN.
I'VE GOT YOU NOW...
...ROBIN?
I HEARD YOU FOUND CLAYFACE! GOT HERE AS SOON AS I COULD.
IT'S PAST YOUR CURFEW.
GOLLY GEE, BATMAN! WHEN ARE YOU GONNA STOP TREATING ME LIKE A CHILD?


FIRST OF ALL, ROBIN DOESN'T HAVE A CURFEW.
KFOOF
HEYYY!
SECONDLY, HE DOESN'T SAY "GOLLY GEE."
HEH-HEH! YOU CAN'T TRAP ME, BATMAN!
PENNY-ONE. LET'S TRY THE SONIC CANNON THIS TIME.


WHAT THE...?!
Yes, sir. Activating sonic cannon.
UUGH!
EEEEE
AND THIRDLY, ROBIN IS AWAY ON A TRAINING MISSION.
Sir. I have alerted Arkham Asylum...
...And the Gotham City Police Department are en route to escort Clayface back to his cell there.


ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE, SIR.
WE HAD HELP.
YOU'RE WELCOME!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT A GROUP OF FLYING BATS IS CALLED, BATGIRL?
UM, A CLOUD OF BATS. WHY?
IT'S A BIG CITY. A LOT OF GROUND TO COVER. LOTS OF PLACES TO HIDE. WE COULD USE A BIGGER CLOUD TO COVER IT.
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN RECRUIT THE CITIZENS OF GOTHAM CITY INTO A NETWORK OF EYES AND EARS TO HELP US. LIKE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH OF SORTS, BACKED BY BAT-TECH. WE COULD CALL IT...
...KNIGHTWATCH!
The beginning!


A RECENT SPATE OF JEWELRY HEISTS AND ROBBERIES LED BATGIRL TO BELIEVE THAT CATWOMAN--A NOTORIOUS JEWEL THIEF IN A PREVIOUS LIFE--WAS BACK ON THE PROWL...
I TOLD YOU, BATGIRL!
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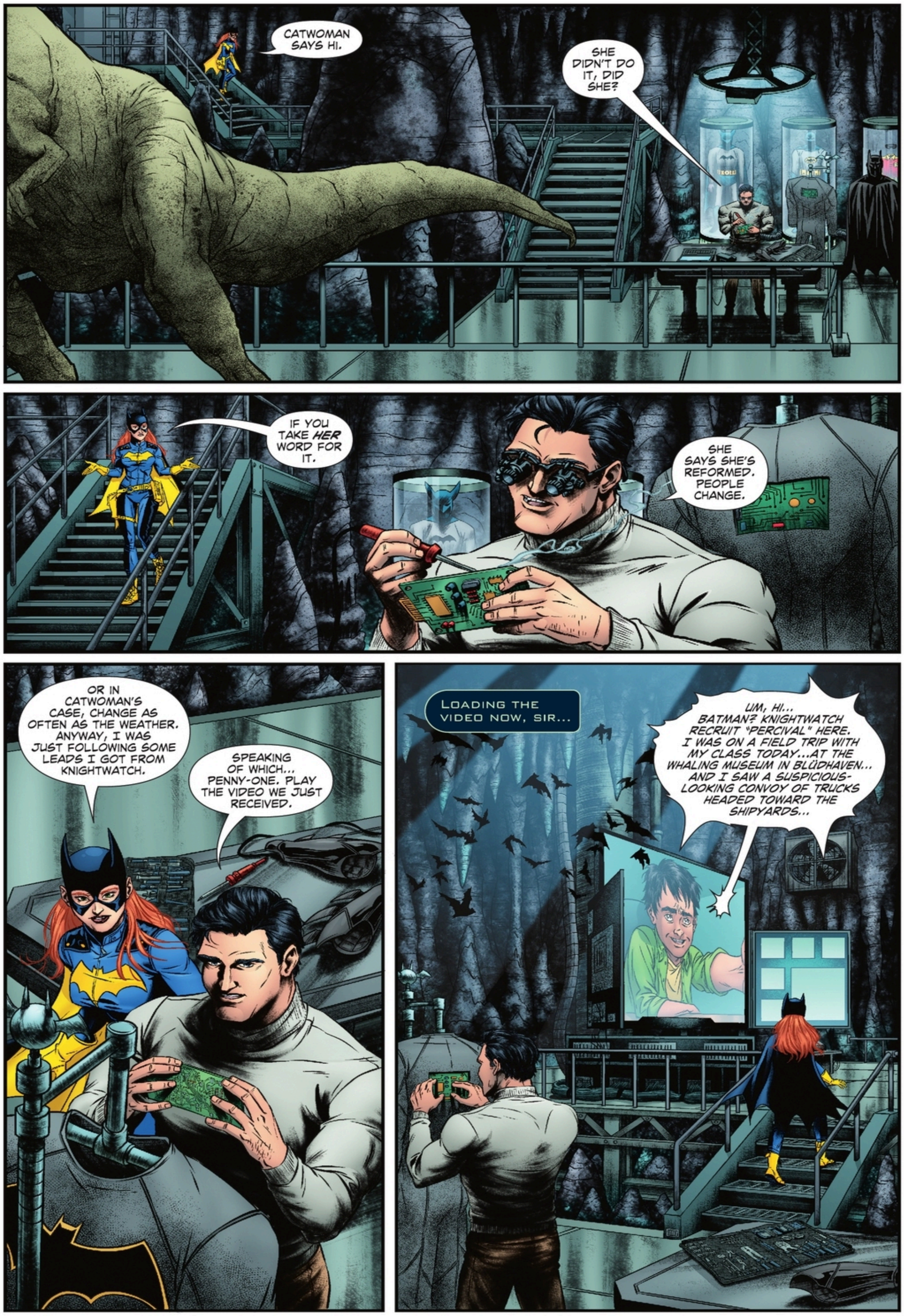
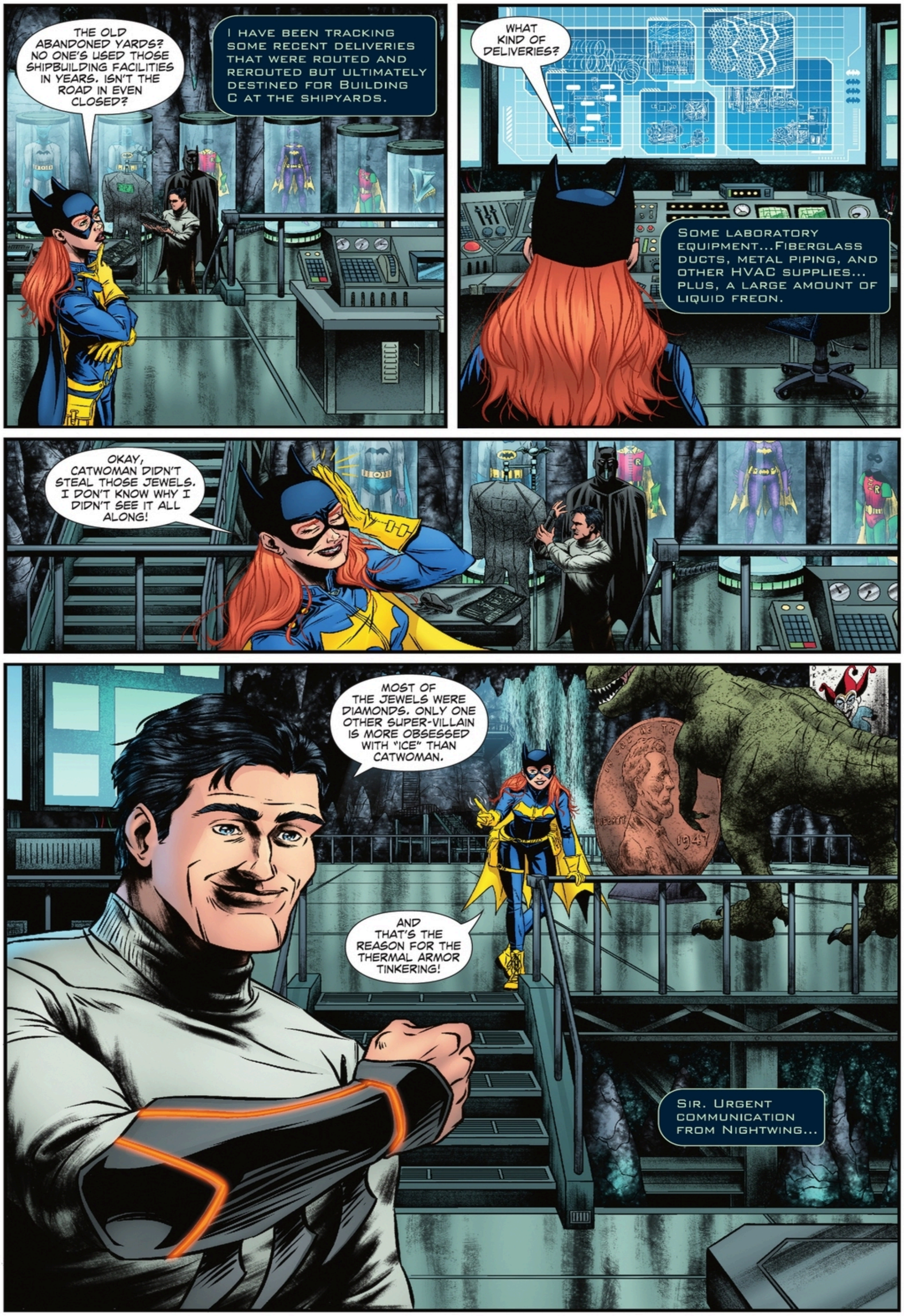
IT
WASN'T
ME!
HOWEVER, IT SOON BECAME APPARENT THAT CATWOMAN WAS NOT THE CULPRIT BEHIND THESE MORE CURRENT CRIMES.


CATWOMAN SAYS HI.
SHE DIDN'T DO IT, DID SHE?
IF YOU TAKE *HER* WORD FOR IT.
SHE SAYS SHE'S REFORMED. PEOPLE CHANGE.
OR IN CATWOMAN'S CASE, CHANGE AS OFTEN AS THE WEATHER. ANYWAY, I WAS JUST FOLLOWING SOME LEADS I GOT FROM KNIGHTWATCH.
SPEAKING OF WHICH... PENNY-ONE. PLAY THE VIDEO WE JUST RECEIVED.
LOADING THE VIDEO NOW, SIR...
UM, HI... BATMAN? KNIGHTWATCH RECRUIT "PERCIVAL" HERE. I WAS ON A FIELD TRIP WITH MY CLASS TODAY...AT THE WHALING MUSEUM IN BLÜDHAVEN... AND I SAW A SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING CONVOY OF TRUCKS HEADED TOWARD THE SHIPYARDS...


THE OLD ABANDONED YARDS? NO ONE'S USED THOSE SHIPBUILDING FACILITIES IN YEARS. ISN'T THE ROAD IN EVEN CLOSED?
I HAVE BEEN TRACKING SOME RECENT DELIVERIES THAT WERE ROUTED AND REROUTED BUT ULTIMATELY DESTINED FOR BUILDING C AT THE SHIPYARDS.
WHAT KIND OF DELIVERIES?
SOME LABORATORY EQUIPMENT...FIBERGLASS DUCTS, METAL PIPING, AND OTHER HVAC SUPPLIES... PLUS, A LARGE AMOUNT OF LIQUID FREON.
OKAY, CATWOMAN DIDN'T STEAL THOSE JEWELS. I DON'T KNOW WHY I DIDN'T SEE IT ALL ALONG!
MOST OF THE JEWELS WERE DIAMONDS. ONLY ONE OTHER SUPER-VILLAIN IS MORE OBSESSED WITH "ICE" THAN CATWOMAN.
AND THAT'S THE REASON FOR THE THERMAL ARMOR TINKERING!
SIR. URGENT COMMUNICATION FROM NIGHTWING...
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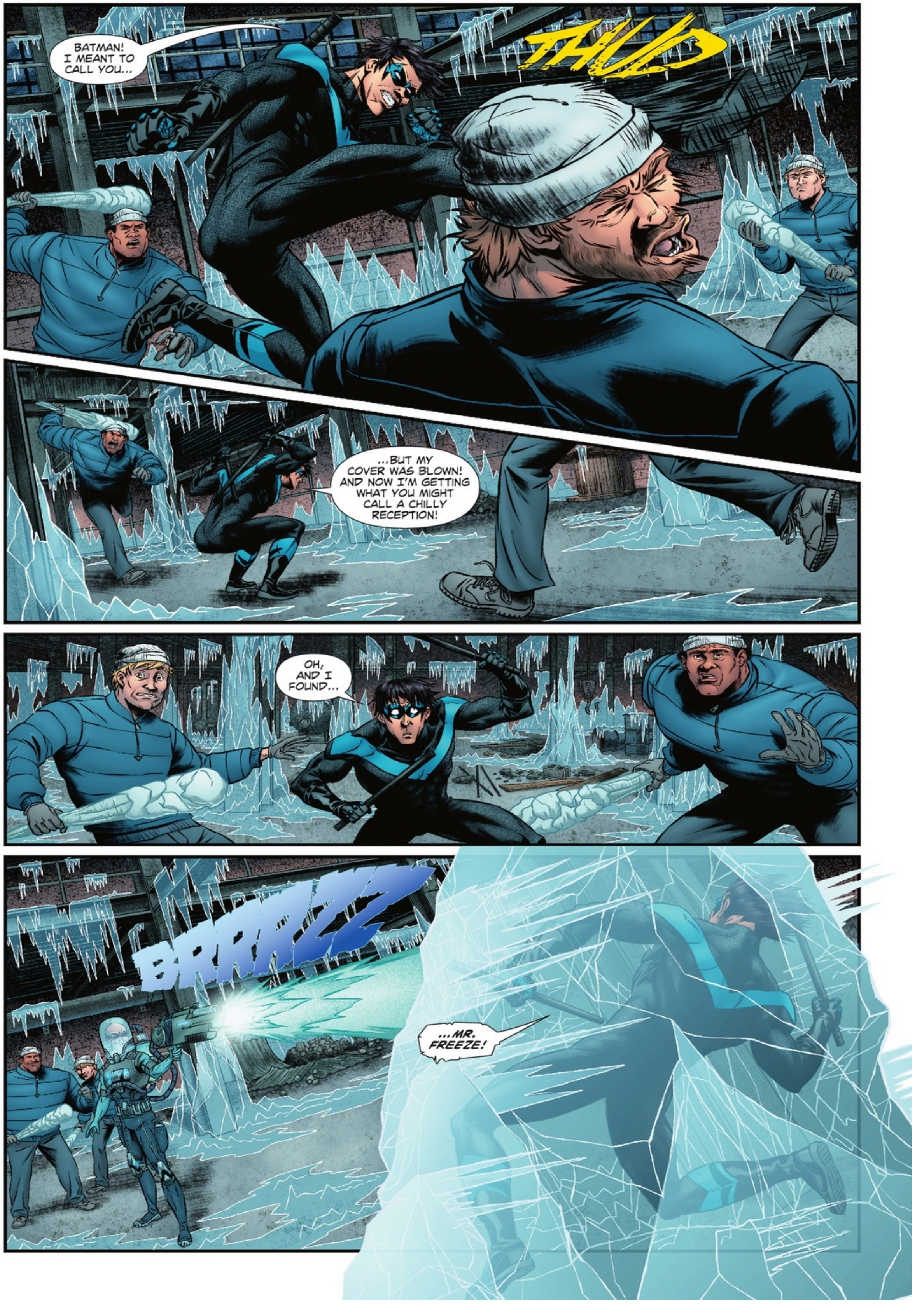
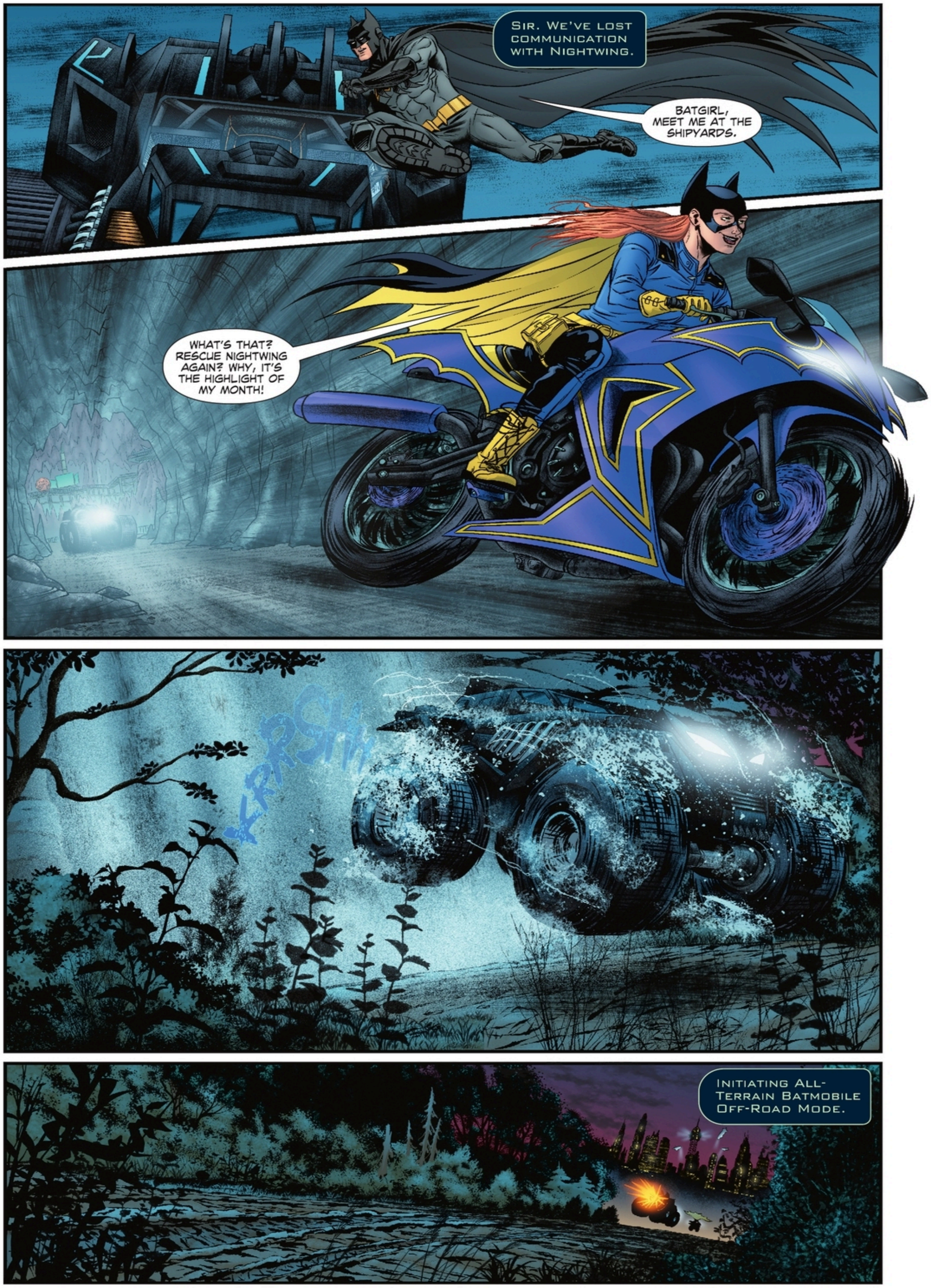
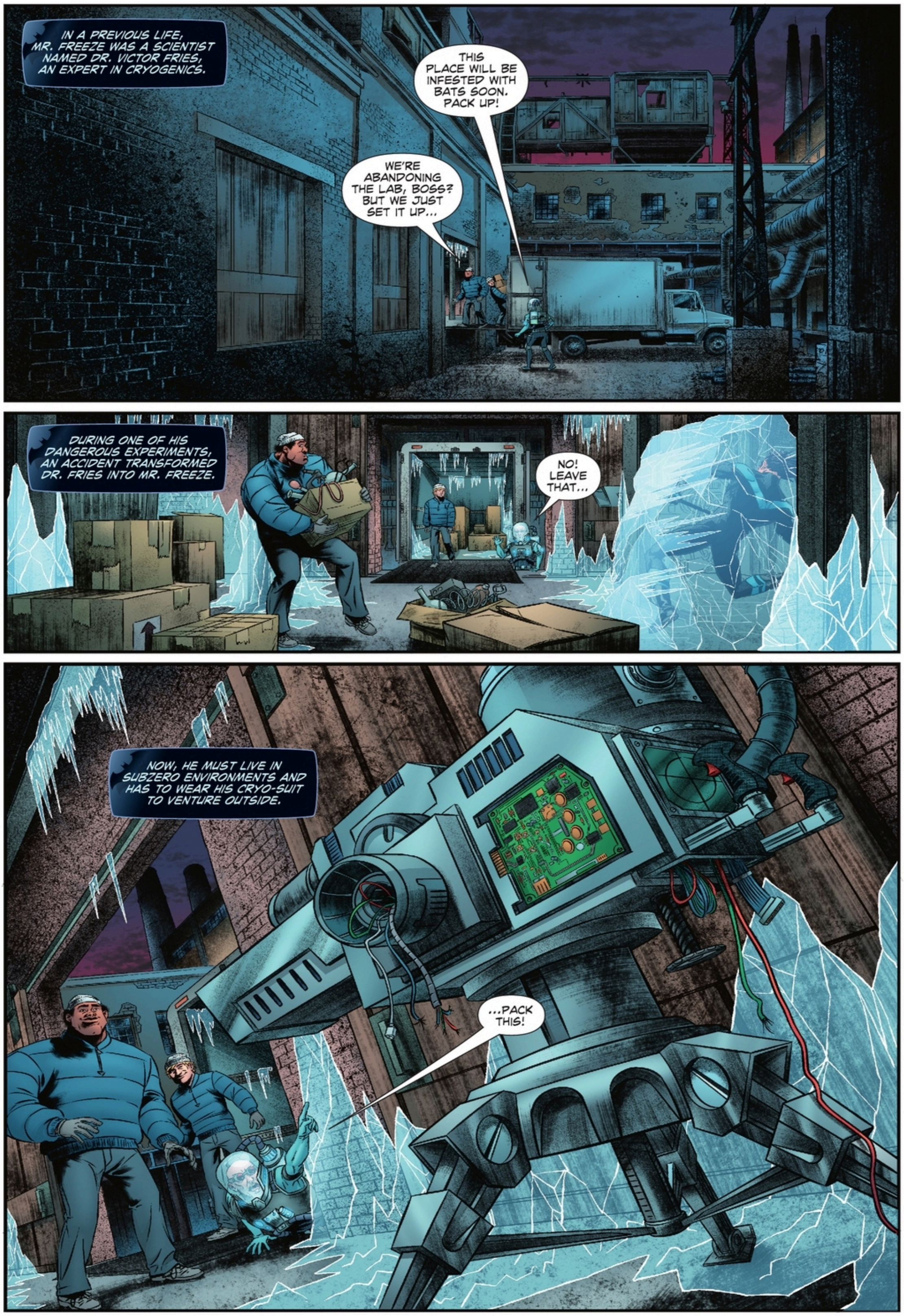
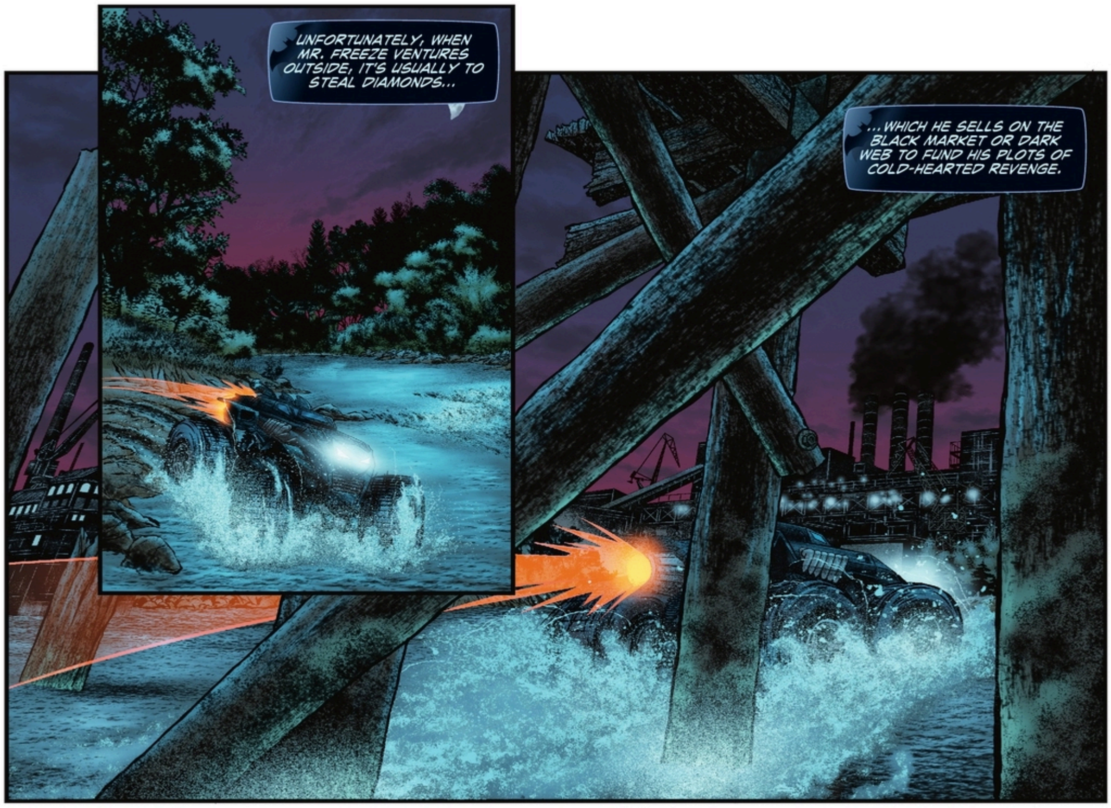
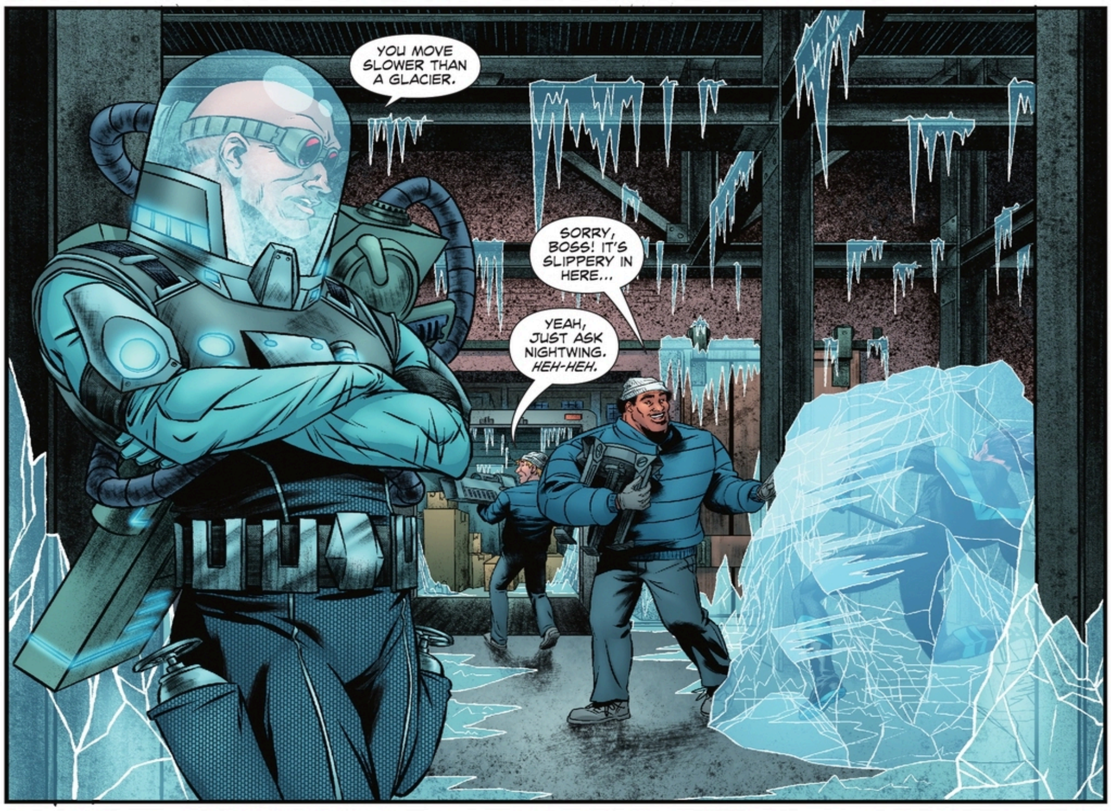
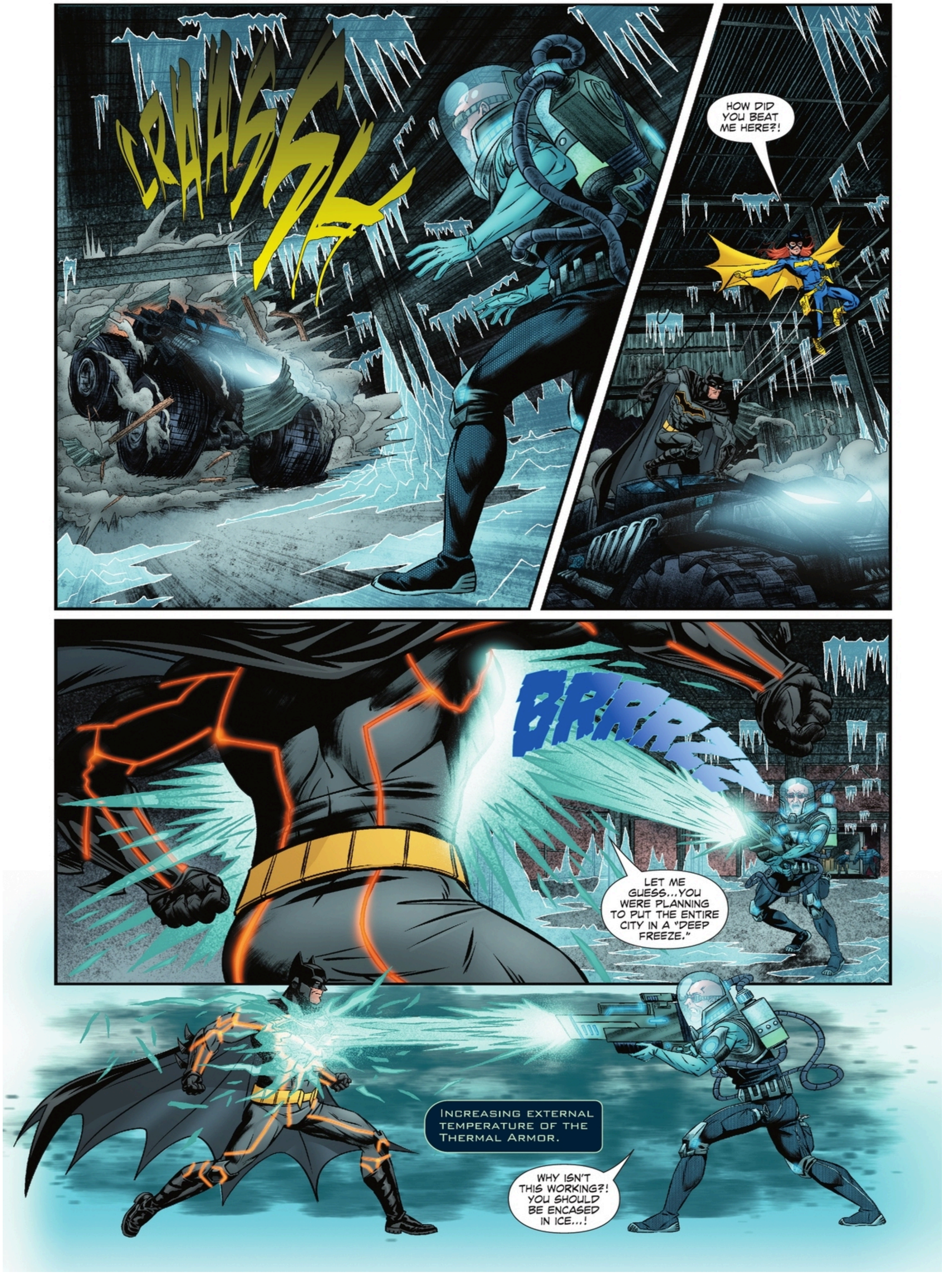

BATMAN! I MEANT TO CALL YOU...
THUD
...BUT MY COVER WAS BLOWN! AND NOW I'M GETTING WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL A CHILLY RECEPTION!
OH, AND I FOUND...
BRRRZZZ
...MR. FREEZE!

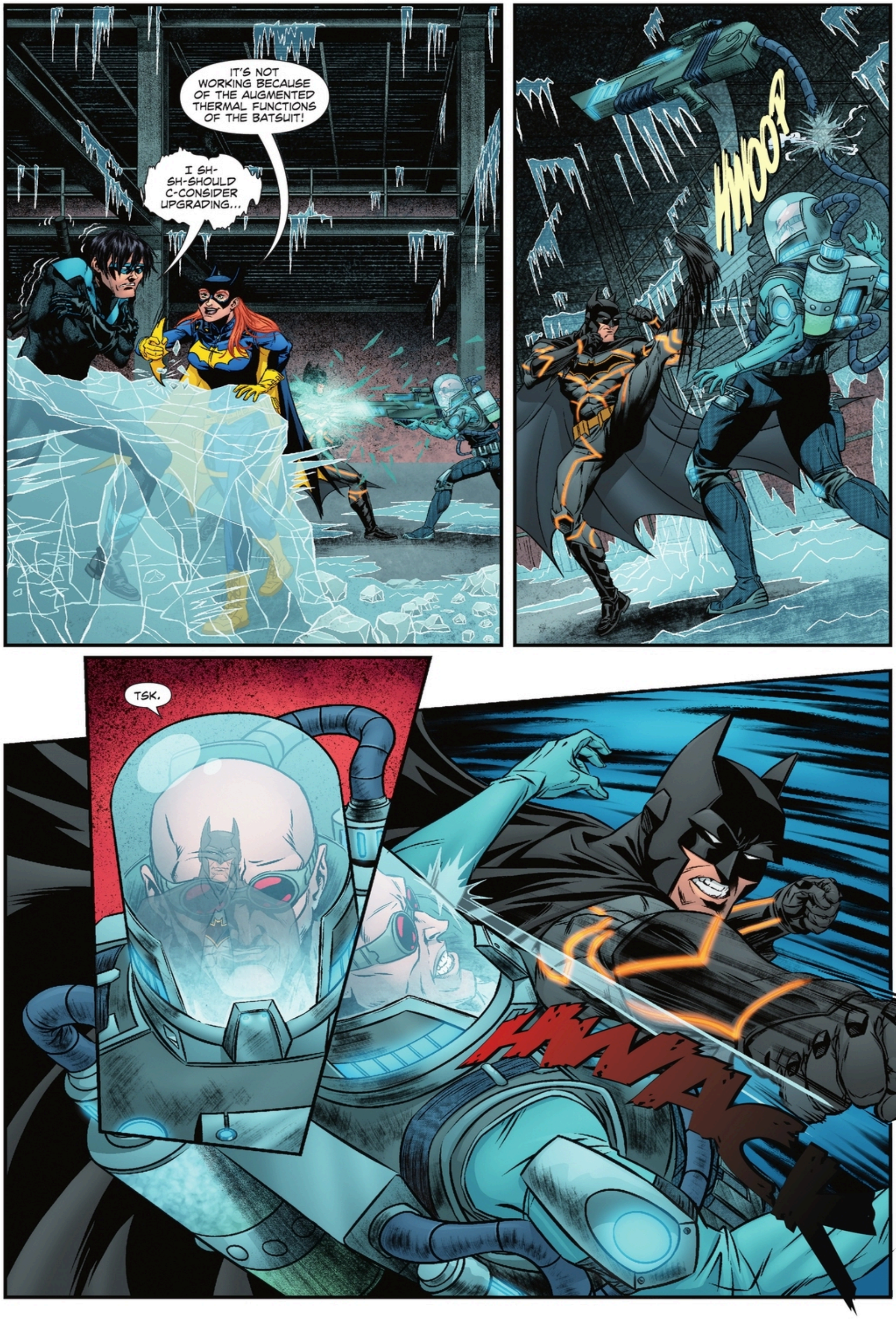

Sir. We've lost communication with Nightwing.
BATGIRL, MEET ME AT THE SHIPYARDS.
WHAT'S THAT? RESCUE NIGHTWING AGAIN? WHY, IT'S THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY MONTH!
KRRSHH
Initiating All-Terrain Batmobile Off-Road Mode.

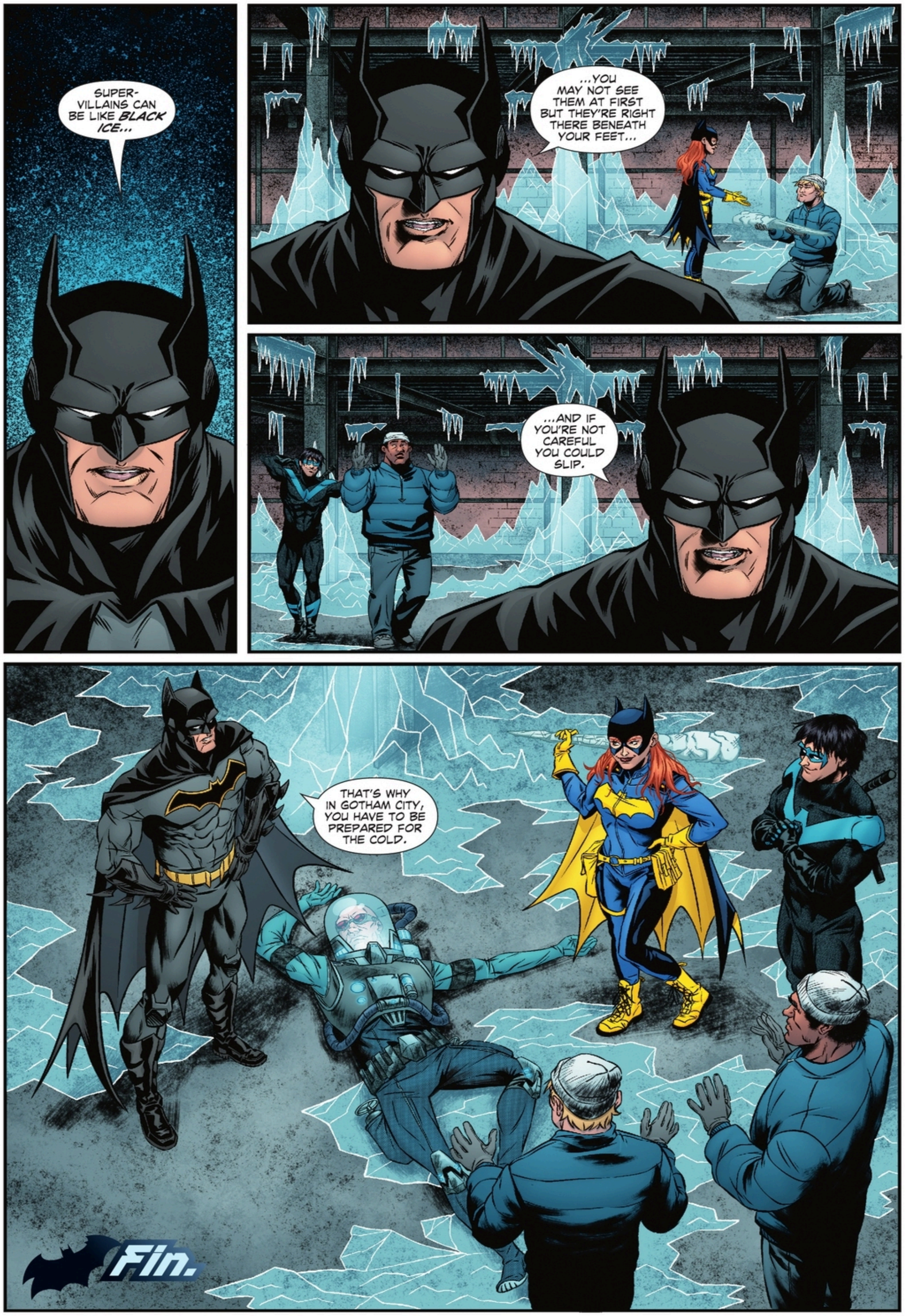

IN A PREVIOUS LIFE, MR. FREEZE WAS A SCIENTIST NAMED DR. VICTOR FRIES, AN EXPERT IN CRYOGENICS.
THIS PLACE WILL BE INFESTED WITH BATS SOON. PACK UP!
WE'RE ABANDONING THE LAB, BOSS? BUT WE JUST SET IT UP...
DURING ONE OF HIS DANGEROUS EXPERIMENTS, AN ACCIDENT TRANSFORMED DR. FRIES INTO MR. FREEZE.
NO! LEAVE THAT...
NOW, HE MUST LIVE IN SUBZERO ENVIRONMENTS AND HAS TO WEAR HIS CRYO-SUIT TO VENTURE OUTSIDE.
...PACK THIS!


UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN MR. FREEZE VENTURES OUTSIDE, IT'S USUALLY TO STEAL DIAMONDS...
...WHICH HE SELLS ON THE BLACK MARKET OR DARK WEB TO FUND HIS PLOTS OF COLD-HEARTED REVENGE.


YOU MOVE SLOWER THAN A GLACIER.
SORRY, BOSS! IT'S SLIPPERY IN HERE...
YEAH, JUST ASK NIGHTWING. *HEH-HEH.*


CRAASSH
HOW DID YOU BEAT ME HERE?!
BRRRZZ
LET ME GUESS...YOU WERE PLANNING TO PUT THE ENTIRE CITY IN A "DEEP FREEZE."
Increasing external temperature of the Thermal Armor.
WHY ISN'T THIS WORKING?! YOU SHOULD BE ENCASED IN ICE...!


IT'S NOT WORKING BECAUSE OF THE AUGMENTED THERMAL FUNCTIONS OF THE BATSUIT!
I SH-SH-SHOULD C-CONSIDER UPGRADING...
HWOOP
TSK.
HWAK


SUPER-VILLAINS CAN BE LIKE *BLACK ICE*...
...YOU MAY NOT SEE THEM AT FIRST BUT THEY'RE RIGHT THERE BENEATH YOUR FEET...
...AND IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL YOU COULD SLIP.
THAT'S WHY IN GOTHAM CITY, YOU HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR THE COLD.
Fin.

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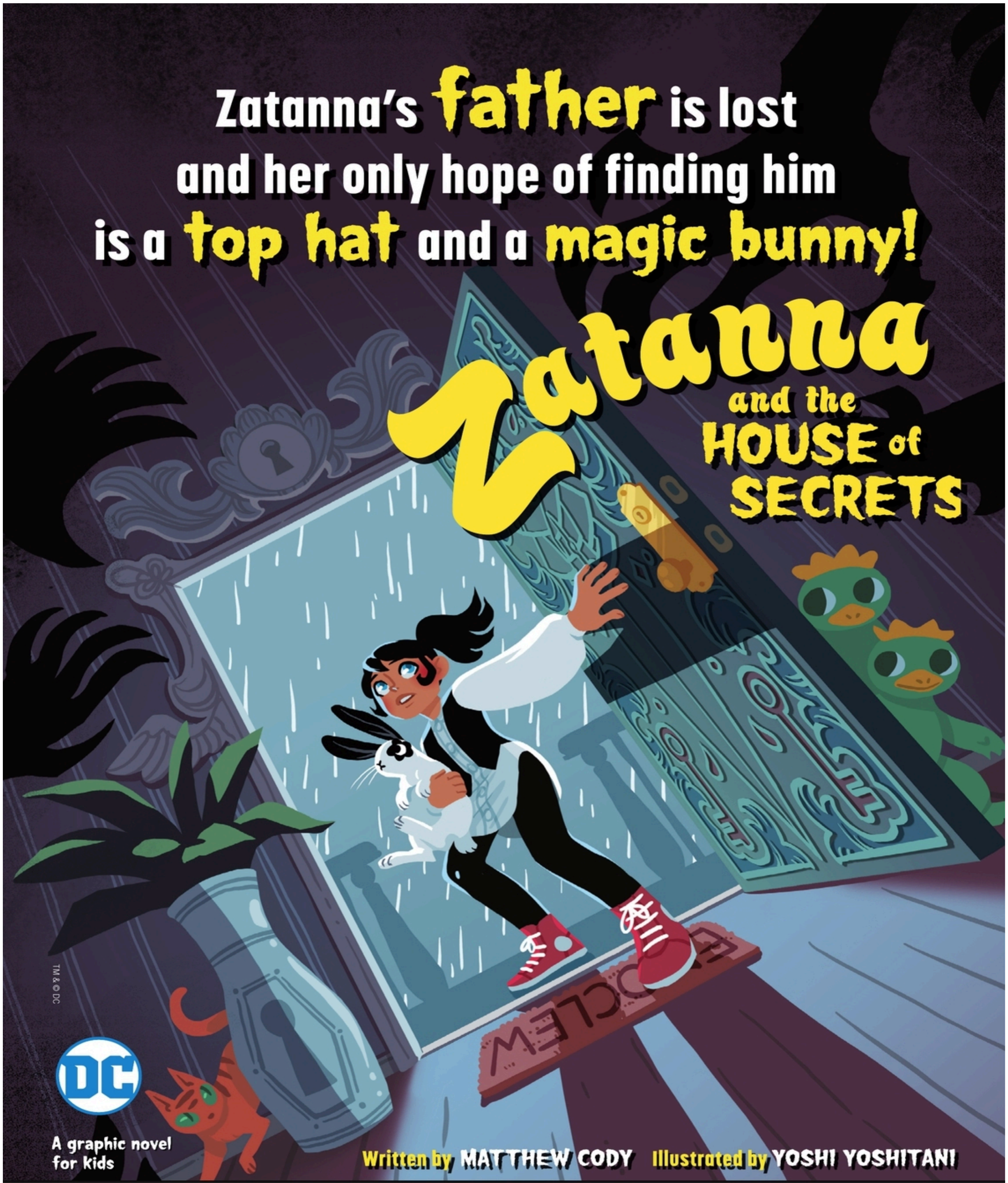
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